Joint Group of Experts on Flood Management with Bhutan

1499. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a Joint Group of Experts on Flood Management in consultation with Bhutan to assess the probable cause and effects of recurring floods and erosions in areas, of the country adjacent to Bhutan;

(b) if so, the number of times the Joint Group of Experts has met so far; and

(c) what is the outcome of those meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Joint Group of Experts (JGE) had one meeting so far which was held from 1st to 5th November, 2004. During the meeting a series of discussions and several field visits were made. The JGE felt that more detailed examination was required and accordingly it was agreed to form a Joint Technical Team to study the flood related problems of the rivers coming from Bhutan and suggest remedial measures.

Shifting of Directorate of CWC

1500. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider shifting of parts of Directorate of Central Water Commission dealing with the Hydrology, Designs and Project appraisal pertaining to Southern States to Hyderabad to expedite the clearance of various investigations and to coordinate the various Directorates of Central Water Commission and other Ministries; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the involvement of large number of specialized directorates of Central Water Commission in techno-economic appraisal of major